## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-323-C - ORDER NO. 2007-388

MAY 23, 2007

IN RE: Fort Mill Telephone Company d/b/a

Comporium Communications – Incumbent

Local Exchange Companies (ILEC) Service

Quality Reports.

) ORDER GRANTING

) REQUEST FOR

) CONFIDENTIAL

) TREATMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the request of Fort Mill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications (Fort Mill Telephone or the Company), filed April 27, 2007, for confidential treatment of the Company's first quarter Service Quality Report for 2007. In its request, Fort Mill Telephone states that certain information in the Company's report contains performance measurements and statistics that are not generally published by the Company and that the Company considers such to be confidential and proprietary information. According to Fort Mill Telephone, other parties may derive economic value from this data by obtaining it and disclosing it within commercial or competitive situations.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a) (1) (Supp. 2006) states that a public body may exempt "trade secrets" from disclosure, which include materials containing references to competitive information. Since Fort Mill Telephone's report contains proprietary and competitively sensitive information concerning various parameters measured by the

Company, we declare the material to contain "trade secrets," and we grant the request for confidential treatment. Accordingly, Fort Mill Telephone's first quarter Service Quality Report for 2007 shall be maintained under seal and withheld from public disclosure.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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